

In March, Congresswoman Bean attended events throughout the 8th District focused on a wide variety of issues. The Congresswoman and state and local officials participated in a roundtable discussion with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, discussing area transportation needs, local projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and problems associated with the Canadian National (CN) acquisition of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway track. Following the discussion, the Congresswoman, along with Barrington and Cuba Township officials, provided Secretary LaHood with a tour of local crossings affected by increased traffic from CN trains. ([Click here](#) to learn more about Congresswoman Bean's efforts to hold CN accountable to our local communities.) The Congresswoman also attended the Stand Down for Veterans in McHenry County, where she thanked attendees for their service to our country and helped make them aware of [benefits](#)

available through the Veterans Administration and other federal agencies. She also met with constituents seeking help obtaining mortgage modifications through the federal

[Making Home Affordable Program](#)

at a Keep Your Home event sponsored by several community organizations. She met with leaders from Lake County Partners to discuss regional economic development, and with representatives from the McHenry County Board of Health to discuss episodes of cancer in the McCullom Lake community. She also attended the Kiwanis Club of Zion-Benton Annual Pancake Breakfast and the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business and Community Expo.

Congresswoman Bean hosted a Federal Government Open House that attracted over 100 constituents seeking [assistance with federal agencies](#). She also held meetings with senior citizens, small business owners, and local patient advocates to discuss the impact of the recently passed [health insurance reform](#) legislation on their communities. She met with state and local elected officials and administrators from Cook and McHenry Counties to discuss 8th District legislative priorities, and hosted "tele-town hall" meetings from Washington to answer the questions of her constituents and give them an update on issues currently before Congress.